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TAGS: MASS, PFOR, UY  
SUBJ: FMS CREDIT

REF: MVD 402

FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOWDLER FROM AMBASSADOR

1. I REFER TO PENULTIMATE AND FINAL SENTENCE OF PARA 2 REFTEL  
REGARDING FMS CREDIT FOR AIRCRAFT PURCHASE AND TRI-SERVICE NEEDS.  
DURING MY ABSENCE EMBASSY RECEIVED THREE LETTERS FROM MINDEFENSE  
RAVENNA, ALL OF THEM RELATING TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF OUR MILITARY  
RELATIONSHIP, INCLUDING AIRCRAFT PURCHASE, AND REFLECTING CONSIDERABLE  
DISSATISFACTION WITH CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS. IT WAS PRECISELY IN  
ANTICIPATION OF THIS ATTITUDE WHICH HAS CLEARLY BEEN BUILDING  
UP FOR SOME TIME THAT I SOUGHT TO OBTAIN SUPPORT IN THE DEPARTMENT  
FOR INCREASED FMS CREDIT TO TERMINATE THE AIRCRAFT PURCHASE  
THIS YEAR AND ATTEND MORE ADEQUATELY TO NORMAL TRI-SERVICE NEEDS.  
THESE LETTERS NOW DEMONSTRATE THE NEED PROMPTLY TO TAKE SOME ACTION  
IN THIS AREA. I NEED NOT EMPHASIZE TO YOU OUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR ASPECTS OF THE AIRCRAFT PURCHASE WHICH HAVE QUITE LEGITIMATELY  
CAUSED URUGUAYAN DISSATISFACTION AS WELL AS OTHER BURDENS UNDER  
WHICH WE WORK, PRINCIPALLY DUE TO A NUMBER OF LEGAL IMPEDIMENTS  
ON THE MAP PROGRAM. AT THE SAME TIME, YOU FULLY APPRECIATE THE  
IMPORTANCE OF THE MILITARY UNDER CURRENT CONDITIONS IN URUGUAY.

2. SINCE I MUST PROMPTLY DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS RAISED IN MINISTER  
RAVENNA'S LETTERS, I INTEND TO ASK HIM TO LUNCH FOR A THOROUGH AIRING  
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OF THE ISSUES EARLY NEXT WEEK. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL IF I

COULD BE ABLE AT THAT TIME TO TELL HIM OF OUR INTENTION  
SIGNIFICANTLY TO INCREASE FMS CREDIT. I URGE PROMPT APPROVAL OF THE  
INCREASED CREDIT WHICH I PROPOSED IN WASHINGTON. IF FINAL APPROVAL  
CANNOT BE OBTAINED BEFORE MONDAY OR TUESDAY OF NEXT WEEK, I WOULD  
APPRECIATE AT LEAST A STATUS REPORT, HOPEFULLY A FAVORABLE ONE.

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